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Throwback Thursday: Wisconsin Democrats Call for Medicaid Change

MADISON – Assembly Co-chair of the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following #TBT:

“In a campaign speech in 2012, President Obama claimed that once Obamacare was implemented, ‘your premiums will go down’. Unfortunately, for the everyday American, this hasn’t come true. According to a report released by [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) (RWJF), 2016 health insurance premiums rose in 45 states.

“Democrats in the legislature would love to continue following President Obama down his reckless path despite the fact that, time and time again, his promises ring hollow. Amid accusations of an “[insatiable appetite for power](#),” Republicans stood up and protected Wisconsin taxpayers from federal overreach by not accepting the Medicaid expansion. There is no such thing as ‘free money’, and success of the expansion depends upon the federal government keeping their promise to pay a significant percentage of the costs. We have already seen them renege on that commitment.

“Of the five states experiencing the highest premium increases in the country, 4 chose to accept the Medicaid expansion. Here in Wisconsin, instead of passing that increase on to the taxpayers, Republicans protected them while expanding healthcare coverage.

“Wisconsin Democrats like to tout the achievements of our neighbor Minnesota. What they fail to mention is the 35.1% increase in healthcare costs that Minnesota families now find themselves saddled with. My Republican colleagues and I will continue to move our state forward in a fiscally responsible way, and protect taxpayers by working to control healthcare costs.”

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Wisconsin Democrats call for Medicaid change

MADISON, Wis. — Democratic legislative leaders on Tuesday urged Gov. Scott Walker and GOP lawmakers to accept federal money to expand Medicaid coverage, saying Republicans’ “insatiable appetite for power” has blinded them to the issues that matter the most.

Walker and Republicans have repeatedly rejected calls to reverse course on using the funds for Medicaid coverage for low-income people. But Democrats tried again Tuesday, arguing that Walker should reconsider now that his run for president is over.

Walker touted his rejection of the money during his run for the White House, and he unveiled a plan to replace the health care law signed by President Barack Obama that made the funds available to the states to expand coverage.

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